

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 4 and 5 have been amended in order to more particularly point out, and distinctly claim the subject matter to which the Applicants regard as their invention. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated **January 2, 2003**.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §102

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. 2002/0053629 to Hokugoh.

A major difference exist between the low friction member 12 of Hokugoh and the low friction member 26 of the claimed invention. The low friction member 12 of Hokugoh is a circulating shape sliding sheet made of a synthetic resin as clearly shown in Figure 6. However, the low friction member 26 of the claimed invention is a generally spherical shape ball bearings as shown by way of an example in Figure 5.

To patentably distinguish the claimed invention from Hokugoh, independent claim 1 has been slightly amended to recite a generally spherical low friction member. This generally spherical low friction member is neither disclosed nor taught by Hokugoh. By so amending, independent claim 1 is placed in condition for allowance. All claims dependent thereon, by virtue of inherency, are also placed in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §103

Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hokugoh in view of Wilson (U.S. Patent No. 6,231,020).

Independent claim 1 is patentably distinguished over Hokugoh. All claims dependent thereon, including claims 4-5, by virtue of inherency, are also patentably distinguished over Holugoh further in view of Wilson.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Prior Art Indicated To Be Pertinent To The Disclosure

The Office has provided a list of prior art indicated to be pertinent to the Applicant's invention. Consistent with the understanding as stipulated in MPEP 706.02 that only the best prior art should be applied, this list of prior art not having been applied by the Office, it is the Applicant's understanding that the Office must have considered the listed prior art to be no more pertinent than the applied prior art of record.

Conclusion

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.


If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4 and 5 as follows:

1. (Amended) A display device comprising:
 - a display part; and
 - a base part supporting the display part, said base part comprising:
 - a tilt unit to mount the display part thereon for rotation about a first axis;
 - a first member directly or indirectly supporting the tilt unit;
 - a second member disposed in a facing relationship with the first member;
 - a guide part provided on one of the first member and the second member for guiding the first member and the second member for relative rotation therebetween about a second axis different from the first axis; and
 - at least one generally spherical low friction member disposed between the first member and the second member.
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4. (Amended) The display device according to claim 1, wherein said at least one generally spherical low friction member comprises a plurality of generally spherical low friction members, the plurality of generally spherical low friction members being held on one of the first member and the second member and slidable with respect to the other of the first member and the second member.

5. The display device according to claim 3, wherein the generally spherical low friction member comprises one of a ball-shaped member and a mushroom-shaped member.